



Chair of University Programs at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab

The Alabama Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium, better known as the Dauphin Island Sea Lab (DISL), seeks an experienced and accomplished marine scientist to serve as Chair of University Programs (UP). This person is chief administrator of University Programs and is responsible for supervising and evaluating UP faculty and staff members; scheduling classes and teaching assignments; managing the physical facilities assigned to UP; maintaining positive interactions with liaison officers at the 22 consortium member schools that enroll students in DISL classes; assisting the DISL Executive Director in developing and promoting instructional programs and interactions with research organizations in both private and public sectors; and serving as liaison between UP and other units of the DISL. In addition to these administrative duties, the Chair is also expected to maintain a high profile extramurally-funded research program, mentor graduate students and teach one graduate level class per year.

DISL, whose mission is to provide research, teaching and service in marine environmental science for the 22 colleges and universities of the state, is part of the higher education system of Alabama. Located on a 42 acre campus on the east end of Dauphin Island some 30 miles south of Mobile, AL, DISL occupies a transition point between the extraordinarily productive estuaries and near coastal waters of the western Gulf of Mexico and the more saline, clear waters of the eastern Gulf. The three main operational arms of DISL are the Estuarium, a public aquarium with close to 80,000 visitors annually; the K-12 Discovery Hall Program, staffed by a faculty of Marine Educators that teaches more than 10,000 students per academic year and operates a successful summer residential program; and University Programs, which includes a large summer program that enrolls approximately 100 students in residence, a strong graduate program of 40 MS and PhD students and a large extramurally supported research program.

The UP faculty includes 13 tenure track individuals, several research track faculty and several post-doctoral scholars in residence, summing to a total of 20 PhD-level researchers. Faculty offices and labs are housed in the Wiese Marine Science Hall and the Shelby Fisheries Research Center, and there is a dedicated technical support staff to supervise analytical services, maintain field gear and operate an AAUS affiliated dive program. Other resources include a recirculating, climate controlled wet lab; large outdoor mesocosm facility; fleet of small research vehicles and vessels; and the 65 ft Alabama Discovery and 42 foot E.O. Wilson teaching and research vessels. Many other UP support facilities are shared with the Discovery Hall Program, including, dormitories, a cafeteria, and computer labs.

Applicants should submit a single document that includes a description of how their prior research and administrative experience qualifies them for the position of UP Chair, a current CV, and the names and contact information of 3-5 references. The position will remain open until filled, but review of applications will begin by 30 January, with interviews anticipated in early March. Application packages may be sent to the attention of **Dr. Ruth H. Carmichael, upsearch@disl.org**.

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